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1. LE MONDE OF MARCH 30 CARRIES AN ARTICLE ON ZAIRIAN
OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE WRITTEN BY PHILIPPE
DECRAENE WHICH THE QUAI INFORMS US IS NOT ONLY ACCURATE,
BUT CONTAINS MORE DETAILS THAN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
ITSELF HAD AVAILABLE. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE
ARTICLE, TITLED "A DIVIDED OPPOSITION", FOLLOWS. END
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2. BEGIN UNCLAS. "THE MULTIPLICITY OF COMMUNIQUE
PUBLISHED IN EUROPE CONCERNING THE EVENTS HAPPENING IN
SHABA (KATANGA) UNDERSCORES THE BREADTH AND PERSISTENCE
OF THE DIVISIONS WITHIN THE ZAIRIAN OPPOSITION.
MOREOVER, THIS DIVERSITY IS NOTHING BUT A PALE REFLECTION
OF THOSE WHICH EXISTED IN THE EX-BELGIAN COLONY DURING

THE FIRST YEARS FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE WHEN THE CIVIL REGIME HAD TO MEET THE CLAIMS OF SEVERAL DOZEN PARTIES. DESPITE ALL ATTEMPTS AT RAPPROCHEMENT, GEN. MOBUTU'S ADVERSARIES REMAIN DIVIDED INTO THREE PRINCIPAL FACTIONS.

3. "THE FIRST GROUPS, AT LEAST IN THEORY, WITHIN THE RASSEMBLEMENT DES CONGOLAIS PROGRESSISTES (RCP), THE FRONT NATIONAL DE LIBERATION DU CONGO (FNLC) AND THE MOUVEMENT D'ACTION POUR LA RESSURECTION DU CONGO (MARC). THE FRONT, WHOSE CHIEF IS GEN. NATHANAEL MBUMBA, IS THE SPEARHEAD OF THE KATANGESE GENDARMES INVASION FORCE, NOW INFILTRATED INTO SHABA FROM ANGOLA. THE FRONT HAS A DELEGATION IN FRANCE, WHOSE CHIEF IS MR. MUTOMBO CARTIER. AS FOR THE MARC, REPUTEDLY FAVORABLE TO MAINTAINING COOPERATION WITH THE WEST, IT POSSESSES AN IMPORTANT ANTENNA IN BRUSSELS. SUPPORTED BY LIBERAL BELGIAN CIRCLES, THE MARC'S DIRECTOR IS MR. KANIYONGA MOBATELLI AND IT REGULARLY DISTRIBUTES 'MISA GAA' (WITH OPEN EYES). THE FRONT, WHICH PROCLAIMS ITS INTENTION TO 'BUILD A NEW CONGOLESE SOCIETY TO PUT AN END TO THE NEO-COLONIALIST REGIME, AGENT OF INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM', REGULARLY PUBLISHES BULLETINS DEVOTED TO THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SHABA AND DENOUNCES 'THE CAMPAIGN OF INTOXICATION CARRIED OUT BY THE FASCIST MOBUTU REGIME' CONCERNING THE FIGHTING OF WHICH THE FORMER KATANGA IS THE THEATER.

4. "THE SECOND FACTION IS THAT OF THE FRONT SOCIALISTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRICAIN, PRESIDED OVER BY MR. CLEOPHAS KAMITATU, WHO WAS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF LEOPOLDVILLE, MINISTER OF INTERIOR, THEN MINISTER OF THE PLAN IN CYRILLE ADOULA'S GOVERNMENT, BEFORE PASSING INTO THE OPPOSITION TO MOISE TSHOMBE IN 1964. KAMITATU REFUSED TO JOIN GEN. MOBUTU'S GOVERNMENT AFTER HE TOOK POWER. HE WAS ARRESTED SIX MONTHS LATER FOR 'PLOTING', CONDEMNED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON, REMAINED INCARCERATED FOR 18 MONTHS, THEN WAS LIBERATED IN NOVEMBER 1967. LIVING IN EXILE AS A REFUGEE IN FRANCE FOR SEVEN YEARS, MR. KAMITATU IS THE AUTHOR OF 'THE GREAT FRAUD OF CONGO-KINSHASA' (LA GRANDE MYSTIFICATION DU CONGO-KINSHASA), A BOOK THAT WAS BANNED IN FRANCE, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY REPRINTED IN BELGIUM. THE SOCIALIST FRONT IS NOT HOSTILE TO A RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE RCP, AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE FNLC. AS FAR AS THE FSA IS CONCERNED, THE FURNISHING OF ARMS TO THE MOBUTU GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES A 'CHALLENGE' THROWN DOWN BY THOSE WHO WOULD 'PERPETUATE THE POVERTY

FOR WHICH THE INCUMBENT REGIME IN ZAIRE IS RESPONSIBLE.'

5. "THE THIRD FACTION CALLED THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES FOR THE LIBERATION OF CONGO-KINSHASA (FORCES DEMOCRATIQUES POUR LA LIBERATION DU CONGO-KINSHASA -- FODELICO), IS DIRECTED BY MR. ANTOINE GIZENGA, FORMER VICE-PRIME MINISTER OF THE LUMUMBA GOVERNMENT, AND GENERALLY CONSIDERED AS THE SPIRITUAL HEIR OF LUMUMBA. MR. GIZENGA, WHO HAD ESTABLISHED AN AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT IN KISANGANI (FORMERLY STANLYVILLE), WAS ARRESTED IN JANUARY, 1962, LIBERATED TWO YEARS LATER, DEPARTED FOR THE SOVIET UNION WHERE HE LIVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE SETTLING IN WESTERN EUROPE, MOST RECENTLY IN GENEVA IT APPEARS. MR. GIZENGA TRIED TO REGROUP UNDER HIS CONTROL THE POPULAR REVOLUTION PARTY (PRP) WHICH IS HEADED BY MR. KABILA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHO HAS A GUERILLA ARMY IN EASTERN ZAIRE; THE CONGOLESE LIBERAL PARTY (PLC); THE AFRICAN PEOPLES PARTY (PARTY POPULAIRE AFRICAINE -- PPA). THE LATTER HAS A PERMANENT OFFICE IN BRUSSELS WHICH RECENTLY CONDEMNED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE SENDING OF ARMS TO ZAIRE BY THE UNITED STATES, BELGIUM AND FRANCE.

6. "OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS, WHOSE BASES OF SUPPORT IN ZAIRE ARE DIFFICULT TO MEASURE, CONTINUE TO PUBLISH COMMUNIQUEES IN BRUSSELS AND ZAIRE. AMONG THESE GROUPS IS THE PARTI SOCIALIST ZAIROIS (PSZ), WHOSE SECRETARY GENERAL IS MR. TRA MAMBU MOBU. THIS MOVEMENT HAS SENT SEVERAL APPEALS TO THE USG REQUESTING AN END TO ALL ASSISTANCE TO THE MOBUTU REGIME. WE CAN ALSO CITE THE NAME COMITE DE REFLEXION POUR L'AVENIR DU CONGO (CORACO) WHOSE SECRETARY GENERAL IS MR. PAUL KABELALA, WHO DENOUNCES THE 'ZAIRE OF AUTOCRATS AND INTERNATIONAL TRUSTS.' FINALLY SEVERAL PERSONALITIES CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE INDIVIDUALLY AGAINST THE INCUMBENT REGIME IN ZAIRE. AMONG THESE NOTABLY IS MR. KASHAMURA, FORMER MINISTER OF INFORMATION IN THE LUMUMBA GOVERNMENT, LIVING IN EXILE IN PARIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS." GAMMON UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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